



# PATROL NEWS

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*Celebrating Tradition Embracing Change*



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# From The Staff ...

## Major Robert E. “Bob” Bloomberg Technical Services Bureau



The troop meetings have been completed and it was good to see friends and acquaintances, as well as meet some of our employees for the first time. My speaking role was relatively brief, but I hope my message was of interest to our employees, particularly the positive comments received from the CALEA inspectors. When I was asked to join Colonel James F. Keathley's management team, one of my first charges was to continue the work being done to make the automated crash report a more useful tool for the officers in the field. There had been discussion about the technology and whether or not it was of benefit to the overall mission of the agency. As I attended meetings with the working group and their customers (troopers using the report), it was clear to me that everyone involved in this undertaking was pulling in the same direction, working to achieve the same result. The intensity of the working group was apparent and there was a sense of urgency in their work. Through their hard work, the significant input from the users clearly identifying the issues to be addressed, and other external resources, great progress has been made toward providing a better service for the public and a better tool for the patrol officer.

The automated crash report is not, however, the subject of my article. What I want to elaborate on is a concept that many of us are familiar with and some of us may not even realize we are a part of. It has long been held that in our country there exists what is known as the "criminal justice system". When this term is used, it usually refers to law enforcement, judiciary, prosecution, and corrections working as integral parts of a larger system that maintains order and ensures compliance with our laws—and penalizes those who would break our laws.

As this concept relates to the Patrol, we are all part of a "system" that exists to provide a valuable service to the public. Since taking over as the commander of the Technical Services Bureau, I have come to see that very few employees in this bureau are ever put into the limelight. They just go about their business, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They make sure the sex offender mapping feature is working on Saturday; the fingerprints on a questioned suspect are identified at 11 p.m. on Thursday night; the communication equipment in a patrol car is properly installed in a safe manner; the accident report detailing a driver's first contact with the Patrol in more than 40 years of driving is sent out in a timely manner; and many, many "other duties as assigned".

As a road trooper, I never thought of myself as being in the limelight, but by choice or accident, I was the public face of the Patrol. I was the one in uniform, the one making the comment for the press, or the one invited to address a local community organization. I knew we had a large work force of civilian and uniformed civilian employees, and have always viewed them as dedicated employees. It was not until this past month that I gave much thought to how much goes on behind the scenes to keep our agency running and the contributions that all our employees make. Seeing it firsthand has reminded me that every position in the agency is an important part of the "system" we know as the Missouri State Highway Patrol. It is a system because it is made up of many parts, all of which are important to the success of our mission. I hope each of you take pride in the work you do. You have the right to be proud. Whether your position puts you in the limelight or keeps you behind the scenes, there are no unimportant jobs in this agency. As state government grows leaner and duties are expanded to accommodate a shrinking work force, we should all be proud of our contribution, because whatever your job, it is essential to making the Missouri State Highway Patrol one of the finest law enforcement agencies in the country.

Thank you.



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*Troop G welcomed over 300 people to its 75th anniversary open house.*

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*Colonel James F. Keathley, left, presents a retirement certificate to Sergeant Cindy D. Newton. Sgt. Newton is the first female member of the Patrol to retire.*

## Community Alliance Program Reaches Attendees

By Sgt. Dan J. Crain, Troop I

The Community Alliance Programs (CAP) have proven to be one of the Patrol's most successful public relations ideas. First, it provides a wonderful opportunity for citizens to meet the troopers and other Patrol employees who work within the troop where they reside. Second, it allows the participants to have a better understanding of the many tasks and responsibilities routinely carried out by our troopers and employees. The program's biggest asset is that those who attend often become some of the Patrol's best ambassadors, after observing the dedication and professionalism displayed by our troopers and civilian employees.

One of the participants of the Troop I 2005 CAP was Dr. Don Fuchs, who is

a dentist in Cuba. It is fair to say that Dr. Fuchs was a strong supporter of the Patrol before entering the program, and that his opinion of our agency could largely be attributed to the troopers he had previously met in Crawford County. However, he was so impressed with the CAP that he chose to make a special note of our agency in an article he published in the July/August edition of the official publication of the Missouri Dental Association. In that article, entitled, "Ethical Equation: Why aren't dentists No.1?", Dr. Fuchs ended by listing those professions which he believed where the most ethical. Topping that list, according to Dr. Fuchs, was state highway patrols. When Dr. Fuchs called to inform me of the article, he stated

that the CAP had done much to help form his opinion of our employees and their ethical attitudes and professionalism. As an additional note, Dr. Fuchs recently informed us his article had been selected to be in the *National Dental Magazine*, which has a circulation of about 120,000.

Every member and employee of our organization has much to be proud of as we go about doing our day-to-day jobs. The next time you wonder whether or not anyone respects or admires your dedication, just think about Dr. Fuchs' article and realize that the public truly does appreciate your daily endeavors.

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## James F. Keathley Designated Superintendent

Governor Matt Blunt announced August 15, 2006, that Major James F. Keathley would be designated superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol upon the retirement of Colonel Roger D. Stottlemire. The appointment was effective September 1, 2006.

At the press conference, Gov. Blunt thanked those attending. He described Colonel Keathley as "stellar" and said he has demonstrated commitment over his nearly 30-year career. Gov. Blunt went on to say Colonel Keathley takes office during a critical and crucial time in history.

"I'm honored by the governor's appointment during this anniversary year," said Colonel Keathley. "I thank Colonel Roger Stottlemire for his guidance and well defined mission and vision. It is an honor to bring this organization into its next 75 years."

Media representatives asked Col. Keathley to define the biggest problem



*The Patrol's newest colonel, James F. Keathley, speaks to the media after Gov. Matt Blunt (third from right) announced the appointment. DPS Director Mark James (far left) and Mrs. Jana Keathley observe.*

he would face and what headaches he would face. The colonel replied that Col. Stottlemire had left no big headaches. "The Missouri State Highway Patrol prospered under Roger."

*(Note: Colonel James F. Keathley's appointment is subject to Senate confirmation.)*



# LETSAC Honors Captain Ricks

By Capt. J. Tim Hull, Q/PIED

Each year the Law Enforcement Safety Advisory Council, (LETSAC), honors an individual whose hard work and effort in highway safety has made a large impact in saving lives. This year's recipient was Captain Christian T. Ricks, director of the Public Information and Education Division, who has since retired. The award was presented at the 2006 LETSAC conference on July 12, 2006, which was held at the Inn at Port Arrowhead in Lake Ozark, MO.

Capt. Ricks provided exceptional leadership regarding the media and public relations in support of the many law enforcement programs targeting crash reduction in Missouri. He worked expeditiously to distribute information using troop specific trained staff to work with local law enforcement and the media to enhance the public's knowledge of the enforcement efforts being conducted. Under Capt. Rick's leadership, both the special operations enforcement programs and the Blue Print efforts have been able to make use of the local public information and education officers to assist not only with the District Blue Print Groups, but also as a uniform spokesperson statewide. This wonderful asset has contributed to the success in increasing the statewide safety belt use rate as well as impacting selected roadways for crash reduction. Capt. Ricks is to be



*LETSAC honored Capt. Chris Ricks, whose hard work and effort in highway safety made a large impact in saving lives.*

commended for his solid leadership and tireless efforts in keeping safety messages out to the motoring public.

*Congratulations to the now retired Capt. Ricks.*

A Missouri State Highway Patrol retiree was recognized also during the LETSAC Award ceremony for his efforts while serving on the LETSAC Board. Retired Captain Terry W. Moore was awarded a plaque recognizing his years of service. The plaque read:

*Congratulations to retired Capt. Moore. We hope he's enjoying retirement!*

The Law Enforcement Traffic Safety  
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Recognition Award  
Presented To  
Captain Terry W. Moore  
Missouri State Highway Patrol  
For Service on the LETSAC Board

With deep appreciation for your  
distinguished and unselfish service,  
outstanding leadership, and vision  
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## Chief DE Galate Recognized

*Lieutenant Tim Deshler presented the June 2006 Meritorious Service Award to Chief Driver Examiner L. Jill Galate for exemplary performance as an employee of the Missouri Department of Public Safety, Missouri State Highway Patrol.*



# Barwick-Newton Fund: A Unique Mission

The Barwick-Newton National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund was established in June 2004 by the Transportation Research Project. The purpose of this organization is to honor law enforcement officers who are killed in the line of duty. The fund assists with transportation costs and other expenses incurred by family members who travel to National Police Week for the National Law Enforcement Memorial ceremony in Washington, D.C., to honor their fallen officer.

The fund is named for St. Louis Metropolitan Police Officer Michael Barwick and Missouri State Highway Patrol Trooper Michael L. Newton. Both of these officers died in the line of duty. The fund was established when Tpr. Newton's family underwent financial hardship in order to travel to Washington to honor their loved one. The founders, including fellow Missouri law enforcement officers and Barwick's family, first set a goal to raise enough money to cover Tpr. Newton's family's expenses. They later decided to establish a national endowment, so other families of fallen officers do not find themselves in similar, difficult circumstances when the names of their loved ones are added to the national memorial.

The fund is unique for its singular focus of paying travel expenses, so family members may participate in the memorial ceremony. Families are nominated by the Fund's Nomination Committee, which consists of representatives of state and/or national law enforcement organizations. The committee researches potential recipients and receives submissions from law enforcement organizations and others. Families are then chosen by the Selection Committee, which includes two Transportation Research Project board members, two representatives of state and/or national law enforcement organizations, and a family member of a fallen officer.

The Transportation Research Project works closely with the Concerns of Police Survivors Inc. and the National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund. All recipi-

ent families stay in COPS-approved lodgings and are encouraged to participate in all COPS programs.

All of the money raised for the fund is used to cover travel and other expenses incurred by the families of fallen police officers. No monies raised are used for administrative expenses or overhead.

For more information about the Barwick-Newton National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund visit [www.barwicknewtonfund.org](http://www.barwicknewtonfund.org). E-mail the organization at [info@barwicknewton.org](mailto:info@barwicknewton.org). Donations can be sent to 900 Pitt Street, Suite 310, Alexandria, VA 22314. Also, The Barwick-Newton Fund is selling caps and T-shirts. The shirts are available in grey, blue, and red. They come in S, M, L, XL (grey only). T-shirts cost \$15. Mugs are available for \$5. For \$20, purchase a mug and T-shirt, and help out the families of our heroes, the officers killed in the line of duty.



*Sales of these items help families of fallen officers attend the national memorial ceremony.*

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## Embedded Reporter Gets Firsthand Look

**By MVI III Charles G. McMillan, Troop D**

Embedded? I wish I was still in bed. It's 2:15 a.m., and I am preparing to leave the house to meet with Troop D SWAT for the briefing for a mission. I am going to gather facts about the team and that day's operation.

I went to bed at around 8:30 p.m. Wednesday—tired, but full of anticipation. I had questions rolling around in my head. I wondered what the “bad” guy was doing right then. I envisioned the SWAT as they close in on his residence getting ready to greet him with a flash bang ... and he doesn't even know what is going to happen.

I wake up before the alarm has a chance to go off. I feel rested, and am

wide awake. I go into the dark kitchen and flip on the light. I grab my bottle of Coke and harvest peach yogurt from the ‘fridge’. I turn off the light as I exit the front door and am greeted by a sliver of moonlight and the sounds of locusts in the trees. My American flag is waving in the morning breeze illuminated by a spotlight.

I drive down the hill to old Highway 65. Where there is usually a stream of traffic heading into Springfield, I am met with emptiness.

I arrived at the city limits and the town of 150,000 plus is bright with busi-

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ness lights and a few travelers putting fuel in their vehicles and getting their morning coffee. I got my brew from the restaurant with the golden arches. (They put the creamer and sugar in for you now.)

I meet up with the field engineer, and we leave for the designated briefing site in Republic, MO. This is where the team is briefed on the details of the mission. They are given photos from a copy machine of the suspects and information about their modus operandi.

The mood indicates to me the camaraderie of the team. They joke about past experiences as they discuss what they are going to do on this one. A comment is made about how big a pair of pants looks on one of the members. To me, this tit-for-tat is necessary ... it relieves a bit of the tension and anticipation they are feeling. But when it comes down to doing the job, they are strictly professional. A finer SWAT in Missouri cannot be found. They are well trained and have equipment that is being constantly upgraded to aid them in performing their tasks.

One of the pieces of equipment is a pole that was actually created by the field engineer. It is used to deliver the "wake up call". You see, there is a canister on the end of the pole that, when the pin is pulled, allows the emission of a "flash bang" ... a deafening blast and flash of light that subdues the person on the receiving end.

In the briefing, the team leader designates people by name to a certain task. They know when they pull up at their destination which way they are going to turn when they exit the vehicle. Two go left and are at the end of the trailer ... two go right at the other end ... two are at the front and back doors ... snipers are within range covering the area. All of the sudden you hear, "Go! Go! Go!" BANG! BANG!

Within minutes this operation comes to a conclusion and no harm has come to any person involved. That's a good thing.

At the after action briefing everyone is given a chance to input their thoughts on how the mission went and ways that would help them improve

their methods or actions for the next time out. Again, the camaraderie is evident. One says he was wondering if that one flash was ever going to go off—

somebody needs to increase his number of push-ups, so he will have the strength to pull the pin. They all laugh and all live for the next mission.

# Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

## 35 years ago

*November 1971* — The graduation ceremony for the first class to graduate from the new Patrol Academy in Jefferson City was found in the centerfold. (Note: The class valedictorian, P.M. Mulholland, is the remaining, active member of that class. The salutatorian, C.T. Ricks, retired August 1, 2006.) Sgt. W.L. Smith saw the following sign on the rear of a casket company truck, "Drive with care or yours may be on the next load."

## 30 years ago

*December 1976* — The year's Christmas card graced the cover. A truck driver listening to his CB radio heard reports of an intoxicated driver. Until he was stopped, he didn't realize it was him.

## 25 years ago

*November 1981* — The *Patrol News* included information about open houses held at troops to honor 50 years of service and protection.

## 15 years ago

*December 1991* — A mother wrote a thank you to the Patrol for holding a sobriety check. One of her sons had been caught drinking and driving because of the checkpoint.

## 10 years ago

*November 1996* — Missouri's driver's license gets a new look. The Auto Crimes Task Force recovered 580 stolen vehicles/parts. Trooper Travis Bigler and Trooper Alan Sullivan were critically injured in a hit and run while performing a "routine" traffic stop on U.S. Highway 71 south of Butler, MO.

## 5 years ago

*December 2001* — U.S. Attorney Raymond W. Gruender recognized CVO Larry E. Masterson, CVO Bill G. Britton, and Trooper Jason N. Crites for seizing 6,600 pounds of processed marijuana during two separate commercial vehicle inspections at the scale house in Steele, MO.

# ***PROMOTIONS & RECLASSIFICATIONS***



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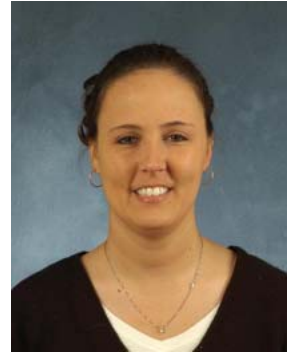
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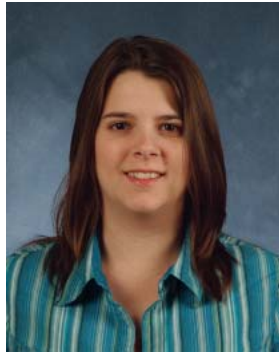
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# Governor Commends Patrol Employees

## Crime Laboratory Accepts Efficiency Award

Gov. Matt Blunt recognized four state employee work groups with the Governor's Award for Quality and Productivity. The award was presented in a ceremony on Wednesday, October 11, 2006. This is the 18th annual award recognizing state government teams' collective efforts to continuously increase quality and productivity. The four teams were selected from 40 submissions for six categories: Customer Service, Efficiency, Workforce Planning, Innovation, Technology in Government, and Process Improvement.

"It is a privilege to be part of this award ceremony and have the opportunity to recognize the great state employees of Missouri," said Gov. Matt Blunt in his opening remarks. "Each individual should take pride in the accomplishments of their team. Each team has made a significant and positive contribution to Missouri state government."

Teams accepting Governor's Award for Quality and Productivity include:

- ◆ **Efficiency:** DNA Profiling Section, Crime Laboratory Division, Missouri State Highway Patrol.
- ◆ **Innovation:** Weldon Spring Site Remedial Action Project, Departments of Natural Resources, Health and Senior Services, and Conservation.
- ◆ **Process Improvement:** District 8 Pavement Repair Crew, Missouri Department of Transportation.
- ◆ **Technology In Government:** Active Directory Team, Office of Administration with Departments of Natural Resources, Elementary and Secondary Education, Corrections, Mental Health, and Economic Development.

The DNA Profiling Section of the Patrol's Criminal Laboratory Division accepted the Governor's Award for Quality and Productivity in the area of

Efficiency. This section is responsible for storing and analyzing convicted offender samples to include in the CODIS (Combined DNA Information System) database. Before 2005, only individuals convicted of violent crimes were eligible for entry into the database. Recent legislation required individuals convicted of any felony to submit a DNA sample, resulting in an increase of 20,000 entries per year. The law was retroactive, requiring the immediate collection of approximately 100,000 samples from inmates.

Originally, it was estimated the backlog would take seven years to work through. However, the DNA section acquired federal funds to purchase new equipment and a new filing system. In 18 months, the section processed, analyzed, and entered approximately 54,000 profiles into the CODIS data-

base. This represents a 200 percent increase in the total number entered during the first 12 years (26,000 profiles entered) of the section's existence. From 1996 through 2004, there were 126 hits in CODIS. After the increase in samples, from January 2005 through May 2006, there were 441 hits.

"Those hits translate into justice being served," said DPS Deputy Director Brian Jamison, when introducing the employees at the award presentation.

Colonel James F. Keathley, superintendent of the Patrol, joins Major Ronald K. Replogle, commander of the Criminal Investigation Bureau, Captain Stephen J. Hinesly, director of the Criminal Laboratory Division, and all Patrol employees in congratulating the DNA Profiling Section on a job well done.



*This photo was taken after members of the Patrol Crime Laboratory Division were recognized by Governor Matt Blunt. Front row (l to r): DPS Deputy Director Brian Jamison, Criminalist II Jackie M. Johnson, Governor Matt Blunt, Criminalist Supervisor Robin L. Rothove, and Laboratory Evidence Technician I Rachel L. Scott. Back row (l to r): Criminalist I Malena B. Jimenez, Criminalist III Kristen L. Hoey, Laboratory Evidence Technician II Pamela S. Wakefield, Laboratory Records and Evidence Control Clerk I Judy R. Morrison, and Criminalist III Susanne R. Brenneke.*

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## Auto. Tech. III Bruce F. Brookshire



**Appointed:** September 15, 2000.

**First Assignment:** Auto. Technician III, Troop I.

**Current Assignment:** Auto. Technician III, Troop I.

**Family:** Bruce is married to Peggy (Brown) from Rolla, MO, and they have three grown children: Ashley, Allison, and Austin. The Brookshires also have two grandchildren: Paige, 2, and Keely, two months. Bruce's wife, Peggy, is employed at Troop I as a secretary.

**Interests:** Touring the country on his motorcycle with friends and fellow Troop I employees.

Bruce was born in Rolla and graduated from Rolla High School in 1975. Following his graduation, he went to work as an automotive technician at the Ford dealership in Rolla, where he remained for 25 years before taking the position at Troop I.

The officers assigned to Troop I appreciate that they have someone as knowledgeable as Bruce to service and inspect their vehicles. He has developed a reputation for going well beyond a routine inspection of all Troop I vehicles in order to assure the safety and performance of each and every car and truck. In addition to his mechanical abilities, Bruce is known for his friendly, easygoing disposition and his willingness to help with any situation that arises at the troop. Bruce says what he most enjoys about Troop I is the work atmosphere and the many friendships he has developed with fellow employees.

## Cpl. Donald M. "Mark" Hedrick



**Appointed:** July 1, 1994.

**First and Current Assignment:** Troop I, Zone 6, Pulaski County.

**Promotions:** Corporal — July 1, 1999.

**Current Assignment:** Troop I, Zone 6, Pulaski County.

**Family:** Mark is married to Leslie and they have three children: Seth, Jonathon, and Hannah.

**Interests:** Mark enjoys turkey and deer hunting, fishing, and coaching his son's "Mighty Mite" football team.

Mark grew up in Aurora, MO, and graduated in 1988 from Aurora High School. He attended Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, where he graduated with a bachelor's of science degree in criminal justice in 1992.

Following his graduation, Mark began his law enforcement career as a deputy with the Lawrence County Sheriff's Department. He remained there until his appointment to the Patrol. Mark is currently in charge of the Troop I marijuana eradication team and has also served as the Troop I D.A.R.E. coordinator. His hard work, especially in the field of drug investigations, led to him being nominated for "Trooper of the Year" in 2005.

Mark said of all the things he enjoys about his profession, he believes the most rewarding are the strong friendships and the family atmosphere that exist.

## History Of The Secretary

The word "secretary" ultimately comes from the same Latin word that gave us "secret". Originally, it meant "one entrusted with the secrets and confidences of a superior".

**In Middle English** it was *secretarie* and in Middle Latin it was *secretaarius*. The word "secretary"—in something close to its present meaning—has been with us for at least 500 years.

**In France, from the 13th to the 16th century:** The word "secretaire" meant a confidant. It also became an administrative term meaning "someone who transcribes or arranges for another".

**Earliest use:** Probably the earliest use of the word was in relation to those people who acted for a king. A king would have his trusted agents handle correspondence on private or secret matters, particularly matters of state.

**18th century:** The English lexicographer Samuel Johnson, in his 1755 dictionary, quotes Shakespeare, who wrote in early 17th century, "Call Gardiner to me, my new secretary." There is also a quotation from the English philosopher Francis Bacon, a contemporary of Shakespeare: "That which is most profitable is acquaintance with secretaries, and employed men of ambassadors" Johnson described a secretary as "one entrusted with the management of business; one who writes for another".

**By 1806:** Noah Webster succinctly described a secretary as "one who writes for another".



# Suspicious Lead To Cocaine Seizure

By MVI III Charles G. McMillan,  
Troop D

Sergeant James L. Musche was at the scale house located at the three-mile marker in Joplin. He was observing the tractor-trailers coming in to be weighed. Commercial Vehicle Officer II Ted E. Wilkins instructed the driver of a "pink" 1999 Freightliner tractor to pull behind the weigh station for inspection of his permits and paperwork.

Sgt. Musche noticed the driver appeared nervous as he could see a visible trembling of his hands as he presented his logbook, permits, bill of lading, and his driver's license. Sgt. Musche asked the driver what he was hauling, and the driver replied he had cardboard in the trailer. The bills showed approximately 6,110 pounds of cardboard. He said he didn't load the trailer; he was just driving it.

CVO Wilkins stated according to the driver's logbook, the driver was over on the amount of hours he could legally drive. CVO Wilkins asked the driver to retrieve his co-driver's logbook and driver's license. Sgt. Musche went to the tractor to find the driver after five minutes had passed. He asked the driver why he hadn't brought the logbook and license like he had been instructed to do, and was told the co-driver had been asleep.

The co-driver presented a copy of his Arizona driver's license and an application for a California driver's license. When asked if he had a valid commercial driver's license he stated that he did not. He had a logbook, however. He said he had been driving in spite of the fact he had lost his commercial driver's license approximately two months ago.

Sgt. Musche observed a fuel card in the center console with a name on it that

didn't match the carrier. The co-driver said it belonged to the company he used to drive for before he lost his license. Sgt. Musche asked why a company he no longer worked for was paying the expenses of his trip. He didn't answer.

Sgt Musche then said he was suspicious of their trip and asked for permission to search the truck and trailer for illegal drugs. Commercial Vehicle Officer Sprv. II David M. Barnhart witnessed the driver giving permission to break the seal and search the truck and trailer.

Sergeant Musche broke the seal and began searching the trailer. He crawled over pallets of cardboard ... and found heat-sealed bricks between the pallets in the natural void. A test of their contents revealed cocaine. A total of 32 kilos of cocaine were found in the trailer.

The driver and co-driver were arrested, Mirandized, and turned over (along with the drugs) to the Drug Enforcement Administration.

*Excellent work, gentlemen!*

## 'Looking Beyond the Stop'

The following officers are to be commended for looking beyond the initial stop. Each of these officers made at least one felony arrest during the period of August 28, 2006 through October 29, 2006. *(Editor's Note: This column excludes DWI arrests, warrant arrests, and "plain sight" situations. Keep in mind that there must be information under the "miscellaneous" section of the report to be considered for this column.)*

### Troop A

Tpr. A.J. Bell, 2 arrests  
Cpl. S.A. Coats, 2 arrests  
Tpr. W.J. Crose, 3 arrests\*  
CVO I.J.T. Garland, 2 assists\*  
CVO Sprv. I.A.D. Steele, 1 assist\*  
Tpr. B.S. Hagerty, 2 arrests  
Tpr. R.B. McGinnis, 4 arrests  
Tpr. W.E. Oliver, 1 arrest  
Cpl. C.F. Scott, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.S. Smith, 1 arrest

### Troop B

Tpr. R.L. Heldenbrand, 1 arrest  
Tpr. G.L. West, 3 arrests

### Troop C

Cpl. M.G. Broniec, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.S. Croft, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.E. Givens, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.R. Jenkins, 1 arrest  
Cpl. H.W. Moore, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.D. Oughton, 1 arrest

Tpr. D.B. Reed, 1 arrest  
Tpr. P.G. Sarakas, 2 arrests  
Cpl. R.A. Seaton, 4 arrests

### Troop D

Tpr. M.D. Adams, 2 arrests  
Sgt. G.L. Braden, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.B. Carnagey, 1 arrest  
Cpl. S.A. Donnell, 2 arrests  
Tpr. G.H. Hendrix, 3 arrests  
Cpl. S.R. Monk, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.T. Moreland, 1 arrest

### Troop E

Tpr. J.N. Crites, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.S. Stewart, 2 arrests

### Troop F

Cpl. M.A. Halford, 2 arrests  
Tpr. C.R. Kicker, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.D. Lynch, 1 arrest  
Sgt. A.J. Maddox, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.J. North, 1 arrest

Tpr. T.D. Stegeman, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.A. Veasman, 4 arrests

### Troop G

Tpr. S.N. Foster, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.M. Greenan, 4 arrests  
Cpl. M.D. Hargus, 2 arrests

### Troop H

Sgt. L.M. Allen, 1 arrest  
Tpr. H.B. Cowan, 1 arrest  
Cpl. T.B. Gardner, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.K. Griffin, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.R. Johnston, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.A. Landi, 1 arrest  
Tpr. W.S. Lashmet, 3 arrests  
Cpl. J.A. Pithan, 2 arrests  
Cpl. M.A. Wilhoit, 1 arrest

### Troop I

Sgt. R.A. Copeland, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.J. Whitt, 2 arrests

# We're 75!

## Patrol Marks Anniversary At Troops/GHQ

Compiled By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

September 14, 2006 marked the 75th anniversary of the Patrol. It was on this day in 1931 the act creating the Missouri State Highway Patrol became effective. Sounds like a good reason for celebration, right? General Headquarters and each troop were given the option of holding an employee/retiree gathering or a public open house. Below are some ways the Patrol marked its 75th year of service and protection.

Troop C's open house was held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on September 21, at the headquarters. Those attending enjoyed the convincer, rollover, BAT van, SWAT van, BEARCAT SWAT vehicle, '59 Dodge, helicopter, and a DDCC display.



❶ Corporal Sam Seaton, Troop C, assisted these children as they tried out SWAT equipment.

On September 20, 2007, Troop D celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Highway Patrol by opening its doors to the public and the much-respected retirees of the Patrol. Captain Beydler and staff invited the public to attend the festivities at troop headquarters where we showcased our past and previewed our present. The 1959 Dodge was present, along with a 2006 Crown Victoria Interceptor police package ve-

hicle with computers and GPS system. Trooper Terry Bible was present with "artifacts" of the Patrol.

SWAT members were present to discuss and display their tools of the trade. The communications division had personnel manning the mobile command vehicle that is used on SWAT callouts, natural emergencies, and situations where on-the-scene communications is needed. MVI, DE, and CVE personnel were present to answer any questions about their individual divisions. The helicopter and pilot were also present, and conveyed the importance of having helicopters available 24 hours a day for manhunts and finding lost children.

Cpl. Tom Hall with the canine division helped demonstrate the ability of his K-9 partner and answered all questions relating to the Patrol and the canine division. The rollover was used to demonstrate to the public the dangers of not wearing a seat belt.

All in all it was a good day with many retirees from the area dropping by for some demonstrations and a hot dog lunch. Look how far we have come in 75 years! Just imagine the progress we will make in the next 25 years when we celebrate our 100th anniversary.

Troop E opened its doors from 1-4 p.m. on September 30, 2006, to celebrate 75 years of serving the public. The 1959 Dodge patrol car, a marked, semi-marked, and an unmarked Patrol car were all displayed. Troop E members demonstrated the rollover, the seat belt convincer, the golf car, and the

fatal vision goggles. Sergeant Richard Sanders and Taz were the biggest hit of the day! Also on hand were two Patrol helicopters—the Bell Jet Ranger from General Headquarters, and the mari-



❶ Cpl. Eddie R. Webb Jr. rides along as a visitor tries to drive the Troop E golf cart while wearing "fatal vision" goggles.

juana military OH 58 from Troop G. Troop E's firing range was open to the public, and range officers were available to guide those interested in testing Patrol weapons. The commercial vehicle officers displayed the new portable scale truck, and we had an excellent display by the Major Crash Investigation Team. About 350 to 400 guests toured the building and grounds, including several retirees. Inside Troop E, a display was offered by our recruiters, and items celebrating the Patrol's 75 years were available for purchase. Cake, soda, cookies, and coffee were served by our civilian employees.

Troop F hosted a public "open house" on Sunday, September 17, 2006, from 1-4 p.m. to help commemorate

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the 75th anniversary of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Although it rained the entire afternoon, approximately 300 people attended, and viewed or participated in the displays. Attendees snacked on cookies and punch as they browsed over tables set up by troop employees, admired current and old patrol vehicles, talked with SWAT members, or observed the "Wall of Honor" display honoring those officers killed in the line of duty. A special thank you goes to all employees who helped make the day memorable!



❶ Tpr. Bruce McLaughlin, Troop F, talks to future "recruits" during the open house.

After the open house was over, Troop H employees and their families were treated to a barbecue provided by the troop. Over 150 people ate dinner and visited until 7 p.m. that night. This event was by far the most popular program the troop has hosted in many years. The attendees were very complimentary and left knowing the Missouri State Highway Patrol is dedicated to each and every one of them.

On September 22, 2006, the Phelps County community of St. James was struck by a tornado that caused extensive damage. Heavy rain followed and it appeared the Troop I open house scheduled for Saturday, September 23, would likely be a "washout". However,

the skies cleared just in time! Despite the results of the storms, well over 100 individuals came by to help Troop I celebrate the Patrol's 75th anniversary.

To welcome those who attended, tours of Troop I were given and refreshments provided. Displays included the 1959 Dodge patrol car and two 1985 Dodge Diplomats,

The Troop G open house on September 24, 2006, was an amazing success. We estimate approximately 300 people toured the building. Several more viewed the cars, aircraft, and assorted vehicles on display. Sgt. Marty Elmore, Troop G's public information and education officer contacted the Police Car Owners of America, and several of the members brought their restored police cars to the celebration. The troop provided cake, soda, and other refreshments to the public.



Sergeant Dave Erb, Troop G, was available to talk to visitors about Patrol aircraft.

On September 17, 2006, Troop H opened its doors to the public to celebrate two important anniversaries—the 75th anniversary of the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the 60th anniversary of Troop H. Troop H filled the parking lot and downstairs conference room with different displays. They included a replica 1931 Ford patrol car, the Troop A SWAT, a helicopter, canine demonstrations, and a machine gun used by the infamous Clyde Parker during a shootout with the Patrol just 30 minutes south of St. Joseph, in 1933. The troop also provided cake and punch to the estimated 800 persons attending the event. The public viewed the displays and had refreshments from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.



❶ Cpl. Mark A. Wilhoit and K-9 Cijo, Troop H, answered a lot of questions at the open house.



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one of which is owned by Trooper Neal Poynter, who is assigned to Zone 6, Pulaski County. Also displayed was a SWAT armed personnel carrier, which was manned by several SWAT members who answered questions about several weapons possessed by the response teams. Safety displays included the Patrol's new seat belt convincer and the always popular rollover simulator. Attendees made many positive comments and appeared to enjoy the educational experience.



☉ Visitors were interested in the SWAT's armed personnel carrier.

Employees and retirees of General Headquarters gathered for lunch on September 14, 2006. Special guest speakers included Gov. Matt Blunt, Rep. Rod Jetton, Sen. Michael Gibbons, Sen. Carl Vogel, the Honorable Catherine Hanaway, and Mr. Bob Priddy. The Missouri House and Missouri Senate presented resolutions to Colonel James F. Keathley, superintendent of the Patrol. Gov. Blunt presented a proclamation naming September 14 "Missouri State Highway Patrol Day". Attendees enjoyed a terrific "picnic" lunch cooked by the Patrol's Academy and a few volunteers. Mr. Bob Priddy, of MissouriNet, shared a review of the Patrol's 75 years of service and protection.



☉ Employees and retirees filled tables set up in the Academy gymnasium.



☉ Governor Matt Blunt presents a proclamation to Colonel James F. Keathley.

## Make A Positive Impact At Work!

Here are some suggestions on how to be a positive influence on those around you—and yourself.

### 1. Think Positive!

There are days when you're not at your best. If you react negatively to every minor setback, your attitude will start to have a negative impact on the workplace as a whole. So, vent when it's absolutely necessary. But, when it isn't, try to project an upbeat, positive, professional attitude.

### 2. Be Enthusiastic About Your Job

This is more than projecting a positive attitude. To remain enthusiastic about your job over

time, you need to look for the challenges and the opportunities to try something new. Keep your ideas fresh, and look for a chance to expand your skills.

### 3. Keep Your Goals In Mind

Focus on being productive at work—instead of merely being busy. Remember: It's what gets accomplished that counts.

### 4. Be Reliable

Your clients and co-workers need to know they can rely on you. If you

know that you can't meet a deadline, let the people who will be affected by the delay know as soon as possible. If people in the workplace know that they can count on you, you'll have taken a big step toward minimizing workplace stress.

### 5. Make Customer Service A Priority

We've all got customers, whether we know it or not. Some people, like salespeople or restaurant workers, have obvious customers. Whoever your customers are, make sure you act as though they're your top priority. Remember: Without customers, your job wouldn't exist.

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# Anniversaries

*Note: The following employees are marking a notable anniversary of service with the agency.*

## December

### 30 years

Tech. Support Mgr. Dennis R. Hayes, Q/ISD

### 25 years

Clerk IV Imogene M. Allen, Troop C  
CITS II Elizabeth H. Copas, Q/ISD  
Chief DE Patricia R. Zvolanek, Troop B

### 20 years

Section Chief Roger D. Strope, Q/CommD  
Programmer/Analyst Mgr. Ronald G. Beck, Q/ISD  
Electrician II Daniel L. Braun, Q/CMD

### 15 years

Tpr. David S. Rice, Troop D

### 10 years

Criminalist III Susanne R. Brenneke, Q/CLD

### 5 years

CITS I Linda A. Johnson, Q/ISD  
Clerk III Larry Fowler, Q/BPD  
DE III Katie A. Ishmael, Troop H

## January

### 30 years

Clerk Typist III Brenda J. Morris, Troop D

### 25 years

CITS II Mary A. Meisel, Q/ISD  
CVO Sprv. I Janelle M. Waterman, Troop A

### 20 years

HazMat. Trng. Coord. Jerry B. Baker Jr., Q/CVE  
Chief Billy R. Brumble, Troop I  
Chief Dewayne D. Carver, Q/CommD  
DE III Kenneth W. Justus, Troop A  
Chief Warren D. Reynolds, Q/CommD

### 15 years

Sgt. Larry M. Allen, Troop H  
Lt. Edward J. Aylward, Q/CRID  
Clerk Typist Linda L. Barrentine, Troop A  
Sgt. Geoffrey L. Borlinghaus, Q/TND  
Sgt. Daniel S. Bracker, Troop D  
Cpl. William M. Bush, Troop D  
Sgt. Ronald A. Copeland, Troop I  
Sgt. Timothy E. Crowe, Q/GD  
Lt. Steve P. Davis, Troop I  
Tpr. Theresa Davis, Q/GD  
Cpl. Russell J. Fillipi, Troop D  
Sgt. Michael K. Frazier, Troop D  
Sgt. Cody H. Fulkerson, Troop E  
Sgt. Michael E. Kauth, Troop B  
Cpl. Keith L. Lichay, Troop C  
Lt. James E. McDonald, Troop H  
Tpr. Mark McIntyre, Troop B  
Cpl. Bradley D. Moore, Troop C  
Cpl. Roger A. Myers, Troop D  
Tpr. Leonard S. Reed, Q/GD  
Cpl. Raymond T. Rees, Troop G  
Sgt. Mark D. Reynolds, Troop I  
Cpl. Darren E. Sigman, Q/GD  
Sgt. Clark N. Stratton, Troop A  
Sgt. Alan R. Sullivan, Q/GSD  
Cpl. Gary C. Swartz, Troop C  
Sgt. Michael W. Watson, Troop D  
CITS I Janice D. Scheibeler, Q/ISD

### 10 years

Cpl. John S. Ashby, Q/DDCC  
Tpr. Trenton A. Badgett, Troop D  
Tpr. Paul M. Behrens, Troop B  
Cpl. James R. Campbell, Troop C  
Cpl. Michele L. Coon, Troop C

Tpr. Howard B. Cowan, Troop H  
Tpr. Steven H. Crabtree, Troop I  
Cpl. Donald L. Crump, Q/DDCC  
Tpr. Donald L. Doza, Troop F  
Tpr. Joseph Drum, Troop D  
Tpr. Gregory A. DuBois, Troop I  
Tpr. Rebecca L. Eagan, Troop A  
Tpr. George H. Falterman, Troop G  
Tpr. Allen R. Flannery, Troop C  
Sgt. Henry J. Folsom, Q/DDCC  
Tpr. James W. George, Troop H  
Tpr. Bryan G. Graham, Troop A  
Tpr. Brandon D. Helms, Troop D  
Tpr. Dewey K. Heppe, Troop E  
Tpr. Curtis W. Hubbs, Troop G  
Cpl. Eric J. Keim, Troop A  
Tpr. John M. Kinney, Q/GD  
Cpl. Kent M. Kreftmeyer, Troop F  
Tpr. Robert V. McCormick, Troop A  
Tpr. Douglas W. Melton, Troop I  
Cpl. D. Scott Nace, Q/DDCC  
Sgt. Trayton T. Pitts, Troop A  
Tpr. Shawn L. Price, Troop E  
Sgt. Michael P. Quilty, Troop H  
Cpl. Steven D. Rudloff, Troop F  
Tpr. Robert C. Savage, Troop D  
Cpl. Julie A. Scerine, Troop C  
Tpr. Daniel W. Schubert, Troop A  
Tpr. William B. Sevier, Troop C  
Sgt. Collin M. Stosberg, Troop A  
Tpr. Eddie J. Walker, Troop D  
Cpl. Joseph M. Weadon, Troop E  
Cpl. Eddie R. Webb Jr., Troop E  
Tpr. Nathan L. Wheelles, Q/GD  
Tpr. Nathan E. Wood, Troop B

### 5 years

Radio Personnel David R. Axelrod, Troop C  
UCR Trainer/Qual. Assurance Aud. William C. Welch, Q/CRID

# NEW EMPLOYEES



Stasha L. Baker  
Clerk Typist I  
Q/CRID



Monica E. Bell  
AFIS Entry Oper. I  
Q/CRID



Bradley J. Carr  
CIT I  
Q/ISD



Courtney Eaves  
Criminalist I  
Q/CLD



Amanda L. Farley  
Personnel Analyst I  
Q/HRD



Elizabeth A. Heinrich  
Quality Control Clerk I  
Q/TFD



Mary K. Hunt  
Criminalist III  
Q/CLD



Jill A. Jones  
DE II  
Troop D



Kevin A. Klug  
Food Service Helper I  
Q/TND



Dennis W. Richardson  
DE I  
Troop F



Carol J. Rice  
Clerk IV  
Q/DE



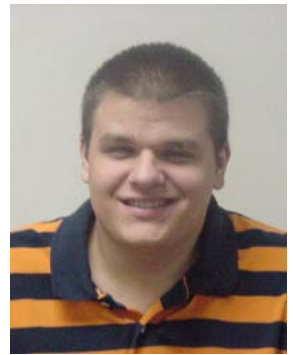
Hannah D. Slayden  
DE I  
Troop H



Dennis S. Smith  
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. I  
Troop H



Cynthia A. Spain  
AFIS Entry Oper. I  
Q/CRID



Drew M. Wansing  
CIT Trainee  
Q/ISD



# December

- December 3** • **Tpr. F.L. Walker** died in 1941.
- December 7** • **Tpr. V.O. Dosing** died in 1941
- December 12** • **Tpr. R.S. Creach** died in 1943.
- December 26** • **Christmas** observed.

## Awards Banquet Invite

*The Missouri State Highway Patrol Annual Awards Ceremony and The MASTERS Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2007, at the Holiday Inn Select, Columbia, MO. The awards banquet is open to all employees and their guest/spouse. In the past, the fee has been \$30 per person, and we anticipate the same for this year. The banquet usually includes a social hour with dinner immediately following, and then the presentation of awards. If you have any questions, please contact Carla Bruemmer at (573) 526-6159 or [carla.bruemmer@mshp.dps.mo.gov](mailto:carla.bruemmer@mshp.dps.mo.gov) or Charlene Buschjost at (573) 526-6120 or [charlene.buschjost@mshp.dps.mo.gov](mailto:charlene.buschjost@mshp.dps.mo.gov).*

## 35<sup>th</sup> THE WINNER IS ... Tourney Benefits The MASTERS

*By Ret. Col. Fred M. Mills,  
Troop A Director, The MASTERS*

On a warm summer day, 66 current and retired Patrol employees gathered at the Meadow Lake Country Club in Clinton, Missouri, to participate in the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Missouri State Highway Patrol Golf Tournament. It was a perfect day to be anywhere outside with temperatures in the low 70s. The sky was overcast, and there was a genuine sense of friends coming together to enjoy good company and a round of golf. The format was a two-person scramble. To level the playing field, those over 70 years old teed off on the red tees, over 60 used the white tees, and the young kids using the blue tees. Truly, the hard work and planning efforts of Sergeant R.L. "Sam" Kaiser were about to be enjoyed by all.

The tournament was broken down into three flights with four winners in each flight. The "championship" flight was won by the legendary team of Roy Dallam and Larry Baucom; second place went to Michael Cross and Brian Deshler; third place went to Neil Atkinson and Richard Buttram; and fourth place went to Richard King and Don Shelton. First place in "A" flight was a tie by the teams of Mike Arand/James Parks and Gary Zink/Mike Noellsch. Third place was also a tie—by the teams of Paul Parmenter/Jon Daniel and Collin Stosberg/Sean Jacobs. First place in "B" flight was a tie by the five teams of John Leonardo/Dennis Hahn, Rob Murray/Jason Murray, Steve Niederkorn/Brent Davis, Greg Smith/Dwight Hartung, and Jim Thuss/Chris Jolly. Golf scores weren't the only way to be a winner—a drawing included an autographed St. Louis Rams football, which was won by Sergeant L.R. "Lloyd" Roberts (retired). The tournament concluded with a steak dinner that was prepared by the Meadow Lake Acres staff.

By all accounts this was a great event. The winners obtained gifts and bragging rights until next year. But, the real tournament winner was **The MASTERS**, and the families served by this benevolent group. The proceeds from the tournament totaled an impressive **\$11,476.71**. To retired Sgt. Kaiser, whose leadership made the event possible, and to each of the participants. Your support was certainly better than the longest drive or even that elusive "hole in one". This is a gift to the families who need and deserve our support. We thank you for your caring!



*Ret. Sgt. Sam Kaiser presents a check to Ret. Col. Fred Mills, Troop A The MASTERS director. The check totaled over \$11,000 in proceeds from the Patrol's annual golf tourney.*

*(My thanks to Ret. Sgt. R.L. "Sam" Kaiser for providing information for this article.)*

# RETIREMENTS

## Sgt. Cindy D. Newton



Cindy D. Newton was born in Sedalia, MO, at Woodland Hospital, which is no longer there.

"My parents are Clarence and Lillian Newton, who still live in Sedalia, and are both retired. I have an older brother, Tom, who lives in Blackwater, MO, and two younger sisters, Mae Bruce, of Brazito, MO, and Kay Zuniga, Sedalia, MO.

I started grade school in Longwood, MO. It was a one room school. I attended Longwood through the third grade. The rural schools in Pettis County consolidated, and I attended grades 4-8 in Houstonia, MO, then Northwest High School in Hughesville, MO. There were 32 in my graduating class. During high school, I was interested in sports. I played volleyball and softball, lettering in softball. I was editor of the school yearbook my senior year.

I enjoy collecting antiques and two of my prizes are a bookcase, which came from the school in Longwood, and a desk that came from the school my dad attended in rural Pettis County."

Cindy attended State Fair Community College in Sedalia, and earned an associate's of arts degree in 1975. She attended Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, and earned a bachelor's of science degree in 1977.

I enjoyed college, but my grades did not reflect it.

When I entered college I was considering attending law school, but later changed my mind and chose a criminal justice major. After graduation, I took a job in Jefferson City as a security officer at the Capitol complex. My job was to provide security for the Capitol, Broadway building, Jefferson building, and, at times, the Adjutant General's Office when their officers were on vacation. While working there I met many troopers who were making deliveries to the Capitol. Sgt. Ralph Robinett was the officer who gave me my pre-employment card to start my career with the Patrol.

The physical agility test consisted of removing debris from the highway, pushing a car, dragging a dummy, running an obstacle course, and changing a tire—all to be completed in two minutes and forty-five seconds. On the tire change, the car was already jacked up. The tire had to be removed from the trunk, placed on the wheel, and then the lug nuts tightened. My tire change time put me over the time limit. At that time, the Patrol was stressing the recruiting of females and I was asked to try the physical agility test again.

I practiced and tried again. This time, I made the time limit. I entered the Academy on January 5, 1981, as a member of the 54<sup>th</sup> Recruit Class. Our class motto was, "54 Better Than Any Before". There was one other female who started the class, but she resigned after the eighth week. Recruit training never got as bad as I had imagined it could be. I would have to say the firearms training was the hardest part of the training ... and being the only woman and feeling like an outsider."

Cindy's first assignment was to Troop B, Zone 1, Macon/Shelby counties. Prior to reporting for duty at Troop B, Captain Jim Engelhardt and Sergeant Frank Burkhead picked her up at the Academy and took her to her first special assignment. They took her to lunch at American Legion Auxiliary Missouri Girls State, which was being held on the campus of William Woods College. This began her

lifelong contact with the American Legion Auxiliary and the Girls State program. The next year she went for three days and assisted with the law enforcement classes.

"There came a time when the Patrol wanted safety officers or public information officers to teach the law enforcement classes. That was OK with me, because I did not enjoy speaking to large groups."

In the meantime, she had joined the American Legion Auxiliary and was able to be on the staff at Missouri Girls State. She has attended Girls State every year since 1981. She has been on the Girls State planning committee for the past five years. She traveled to Indianapolis, IN, in November 2006, to attend the National Girls State Conference.

Back to her first road assignment ... She said it was difficult at times and very rewarding at times. She enjoyed the times when she was able to help others, assist a stranded motorist or being able to make a try-to-contact. A particularly rewarding experience was stopping to assist a man who had a flat tire in front of troop headquarters in Macon. She helped the man change his tire, but something did not seem right, so she ran a computer check on him. He was wanted in several states for burglaries he had committed. A career highlight was getting a job well done card from then-Superintendent Howard Hoffman following her arrest of the burglary suspect.

Cindy transferred to Troop B, Zone 8, Marion/Ralls counties in 1987. She was promoted to corporal in February 1992, and designated assistant zone commander, Troop B, Zone 4, Putnam/Sullivan counties, where she worked until October 1996, when she requested an internship in the Gaming Division. She transferred into the Gaming Division in December 1996, and was later designated assistant officer-in-charge at the St. Jo Frontier Casino, St. Joseph, MO.

On July 1, 1999, she was promoted to the rank of sergeant and



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designated officer-in-charge at the St. Jo Frontier Casino. Cindy is the first female in Patrol history to be given that responsibility. With retirement approaching and all of her family living in Central Missouri, she requested to be assigned to the new casino scheduled to open in Boonville, MO, in December 2001. She transferred to the Isle of Capri Casino, Boonville, in November 2001, and was designated assistant officer-in-charge, a position she held until July 2006, when she was designated officer-in-charge.

Cindy was involved in the first recruiting program, speaking at Votech schools and law enforcement expos, has been a Pinewood Derby judge, attended the Missouri State Fair, was an escort to the National Police Officer's Memorial in Washington, D.C., and assisted with the David Tate and John David Brown manhunts, and the Jerome Mallet murder trial. She served as president of the Northeast Missouri Peace Officers Association for one year, secretary for the Missouri State Troopers Association for 14 years, sergeant-at-arms for six years for the American Legion Auxiliary, and has assisted with Special Olympics events.

"Quite a few of my recruit classmates have made a name for themselves on the Patrol. I was quite honored so many of them attended my retirement reception. When I joined the Patrol, I didn't have any idea I would stick with it and be the first female officer to retire.

Sergeant Paula Woodruff has more time on the Patrol, but I am older than she is. It was nice to see so many female officers at my retirement reception. My reception was well attended. It amazed me the people who were there. There were guys from my first zone, a retired radio operator, instructors from the Academy, and guys I worked with at St. Joseph. I would like to thank Captain Lester Elder for being the emcee at the retirement reception. It was strange seeing him in that role, because when I started my career in

Macon, he was in high school and his dad was one of my zone sergeants."

Recently Cindy rescued a three-year-old black and white cocker spaniel from an animal shelter and named him Smokey.

Her plans after retirement are to continue to be involved in the American Legion Auxiliary and Girls State program. She is now serving as ALA Thoma Tuttle Unit # 52 president and also is ALA 8<sup>th</sup> District president. She is very active in her church and enjoys helping with the area food pantry, which is located in her church.

Her plans after retirement are to do whatever she wants to do when she wants to do it. Cindy advised her only responsibility was to take care of Smokey.

## CVO Sprv. II Billy J. "B.J." Cash



After 32 years of distinguished service to the state of Missouri, CVO Supervisor II Billy Joe Cash will retire from the Missouri State Highway Patrol on September 1, 2006.

Born in West Plains, MO, in 1950, and "Yes," B.J. says, "There was a working, functional hospital in those days!" B.J., as he is known to everyone, was raised his entire life in Willow Springs, where he grew up basically tormenting and keeping the turkey and deer population in check. Coming from a home of avid hunters, B.J. shared quality time with his two brothers, father, and mother, who all participated. (Perhaps the Cash family was the reason that limits had to be finally put on game animals!)

Upon graduation from Willow Springs High School in 1968, B.J. attended Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield where he applied for and went to work for the Springfield Police Department from 1972 through 1974. Deciding he had served the rest and it was time to work for the best, B.J. applied for the Patrol and was appointed as a weight inspector, as they were referred to at that time. From weight inspector he worked through the implementation of the current commercial motor vehicle officer program. On January 1, 1997, B.J. was promoted to supervisor.

B.J. and his wife of 33 years, Becky, live in Willow Springs. They have two sons: Christopher and Carson. B.J. and his Ozarkian style wit will be missed in the coffee room. Always with a sheepish grin, he kept us smiling and laughing at the stories he shared with us all. He will be missed by his friends at Troop G.

## CVO Sprv. I George R. Davis



After 24 years and four months, CVO Supervisor I George R. Davis will retire from the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

"It is time to hang up the spurs and take some time to tour this vast United States, and see the sites I have only heard about." George says with a big sigh ... and that look of accomplishment. "Let's face it. Just getting to retirement is quite an accomplishment in this day and age."

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And retirement is just another chapter in the life of George. He recently purchased a 30-foot recreational vehicle to prove his sincerity. "I plan on spending my time experiencing many of the places I have heard and read about. Now it is time to see them firsthand."

George was born in Poplar Bluff, MO, and graduated from high school there in 1973. His next four years were spent serving his country in the United States Air Force as a munitions maintenance specialist in Victorville, CA. After attending Three Rivers Community College, he applied to and was hired by the Missouri State Highway Patrol Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division as a CVE I on June 1, 1982, and assigned to E-1 South, in Charleston, MO.

George was promoted soon after on December 1, 1982, to CVE II. During this time, he was instrumental in the recovery of a stolen tractor-trailer. On June 1, 1987, George was promoted to CVE III, and in November 1990 he made the trek west to Troop G in Willow Springs, where he was assigned scale house G-1 East. This would be the last transfer he would want. He attended CVO School in 1990, and was promoted to supervisor, finding himself right in the middle of hunting, fishing, and golfing country.

You see, some of the finest hunters, fishermen, and golfers are stationed at Troop G, which is described by many as "God's country". George was in his element. He didn't mind one bit being referred to as a "flatlander" by the "hillbillies" he met here! Since we brought up golfing, George wanted me to make sure that I told you about one of his fondest moments, which occurred at the Willow Springs Municipal Golf Course. It was the time he sank a 50-foot putt to take the hole from Captain Billy Chadwick.

When asked about the incident, Capt. Chadwick grinned and corrected George, factually stating that, "It was only a 48 footer."

George laughingly said, "It was probably a good thing that he had already signed off on his promotion to supervisor!"

George is currently engaged to Ursula A. Walker of Karlstadt, Germany, whom he met in Jefferson City. He has recently stolen ... I mean purchased ... well, he got this really good deal on a 30 foot RV! (It was one of those deals you or I just hear about, but never get to experience ourselves.) He is planning a two-year, extensive tour of this good old United States. George said, "I have driven by or flown over most of the scenic wonders of this United States, and now I'm going to see them up close and personal, with Ursula by my side."

George is a warm, personable fellow that we here at Troop G will miss. We wish him the very best in his years of retirement and travel.

## Chief DE Fred Long



Troop G, Chief Driver Examiner Fred R. Long retires from the Missouri State Highway Patrol on October 1, 2006, with over 27 years of dedicated service.

Born in Springfield, MO, on May 12, 1950, Fred was raised as a West Plains "Zizzer" and graduated high school in 1968. Fred attended business college in Springfield until he was selected by the federal government for an all-expense-paid tour of duty in the United States Army with the 82nd Airborne Division. From 1970 through 1972, Fred served his country. After his discharge, Fred

again attended school in Springfield—at Southwest Missouri State University. He was appointed to the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a driver examiner on May 1, 1979.

Fred married the former Regina K. Gilbert in 1972, and they have two children: Jennifer and Jason.

Fred has worked for the Howell County Sheriff's Office as a reserve deputy for the past 12 years. Over his career, Fred has seen many changes in the Patrol, memorably, the transition of the old chauffeur's license to the CDL program.

Fred's hobbies include his love of competition pistol shooting. He has won several competitions. He also is adept at the craft of reloading bullets.

After retirement, Fred and Regina plan to do a lot of traveling, hunting, and fishing. Fred's hard work and dedication, along with his wonderful sense of humor will be missed by all who knew him.

## Let Your Lights Shine!

***By Concerns of Police Survivors Inc.***

Concerns of Police Survivors is encouraging law enforcement families, friends, and law enforcement agencies to decorate in blue lights for the coming holiday season. By placing one blue light in a window in your home, you'll be showing your support for officers killed in the line of duty and those who continue to work America's streets. By placing strings of blue lights outside your home, at the department, and throughout the community, law enforcement officers will understand they are appreciated. The color blue is symbolic of peace. By displaying your blue lights, you will be sending a dual message that you support America's peacekeepers and that you hope the coming year will be a year of peace. Let your blue lights shine for law enforcement during the holidays!



# Retiree News

## Greetings From Iraq

*By Ret. Sgt. D. Dave Eads*

Oct. 26, 2006

Greetings From Iraq,

I retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol on February 1, 2006, while actually in Mosul Iraq. I came over as a private contractor instructing Iraqi police officers, hoping to make a difference by bringing some knowledge and experience with me. Our company's mission here is to qualify 100,000 officers by December 31, when we turn full control of all academies over to the Iraqi's.

After 27 years of pounding the highways in Missouri, believe me when I say culture and events dictate the enormous difference in common procedures for things such as a simple car stop. Things are so very different. We in the states normally don't have to watch for terrorists on a car stop. As a highway patrolman, passing traffic, and

the violator were my main safety concerns. Missouri troopers patrol by themselves and the closest back up officer may be 30 or more miles away.

Officers in Iraq ride four in a car, six in a pickup with at least two vehicles performing each and every traffic stop. The eight plus officers are utilized by placing two at the rear perimeter watching for terrorists, two at the front, two as approaching/arresting officers, and two at the outside perimeter. They have to constantly be observant for suicide bombers, snipers, and driveby shooters. If you are a terrorist, you are killed on the spot. No arrest is made.

Each day in Iraq, numerous officers are killed both on duty and off duty. Officers can not gather in a coffee shop as we are accustomed to doing, cannot walk down the street off duty, and normally wear full face masks to conceal their identity while on patrol, just so they are not recognized later. Three days ago near our location, on the first day of the opening of a brand new police station, a suicide bomber drove his car into it and killed several officers. Officers are routinely equipped with little or poor equipment.

*Iraqi police officers practice at the range.*



*Ret. Sgt. Dave Eads is pictured.*

Things we take for granted state-side—extra ammo, spare magazines, a good flashlight—are only dreams for these officers. A class of 250 students takes the 10-week class and with two classes overlapping, they graduate every five weeks. This changed in October to a three-week class to get more officers out on the streets. The new, shorter classes are for survival only, such as: range, car stops, and arrest procedures, no report writing, accident investigation, etc.

Each class always loses a few students who are being killed while at home/off duty, on break from training. If the terrorists can't get the officer, they kill family members. There have been a lot of good Iraqi officers graduating since July, and they have been making big changes and winning their battles now.

Being part of the training team has been well worth it. The mission here has been a two-way learning experience. We instruct some of the same curriculum we have in the states, but apply it to a different culture—one so very different than ours. I will end mission at end of January 2007, and plan to enjoy my family and friends when I return.

# Meet The MASTERS' Directors

The Board of Directors of The MASTERS is composed of 20 members elected by the membership. Two members of the board are located in each of the Patrol's nine troop areas and in the General Headquarters area. The directors give freely of their time and services to assist the families of fallen troopers. You are invited to take a moment and meet them.

## GHQ

"It is a privilege to serve those who are in need during a time of sorrow. This is a program to help those in the future." — **Robert Dallmeyer Jr.** (retired), Jefferson City

"The MASTERS provides a very dependable and considerate way to assist dependent survivors of members of the Patrol when the member has given his or her life in the line of duty. I am confident the support given by MASTERS will relieve them of some of the stress they would otherwise experience." — **Paul Volkmer** (retired MSHP), Jefferson City

## Troop A

"When you look back on your career, the moments that really stand out are those when you were able to do something for others. This is what The MASTERS is about—caring for and helping others." — **Fred Mills** (retired MSHP), Independence

"I believe in The MASTERS and its goals, and have seen firsthand over the years how the organization has stepped in to help troopers' families at a time of need. I am proud to be a part of the organization." — **Doug Mitchell** (litigation consultant/private investigator), Warrensburg

"During my long association with the Patrol (over 20 years), I've become very close friends with many of its members. I found this organization to be a unique group of professionals. Discovering The MASTERS allowed me to work even closer with these folks." — **G. Richard "Dick" Pritchett** (retired from BMA Insurance Co.; retired from The MASTERS Board 9/06), Lee's Summit

## Troop B

"The MASTERS is important to me because as a group they help Missouri State Highway Patrol families try to continue their lives after the loss of their loved one." — **Wally Malins** (sales manager, Jostens), Marceline

"Being involved in The MASTERS is my way of being able to give back to a special group of men and women who do so much for the citizens of Missouri and ask so little in return." — **Ron S. Gillett** (regional director of external affairs for AT&T), Moberly

## Troop C

"The MASTERS provides me the opportunity to be of service to the families of those members of the MSHP who have made the ultimate sacrifice. I am proud to serve, and appreciate the close rapport between the Patrol and The MASTERS." — **Bill Ronecker** (Army financial manager, retired), St. Louis

"I'm honored to serve as a director for The MASTERS. My grandfather, a founding member, provided guidance for troopers' families when The MASTERS was first established, and now I'm ready to follow in his footsteps." — **John Fabick IV** (vice president, Fabick CAT), St. Louis

## Troop D

"I knew what The MASTERS was doing was important. But, only last year, when I stood in front of a widow whose husband had died eight hours earlier, did I realize how wonderful The MASTERS is during a real time of need." — **James F. Holstein** (banker), Springfield

"I am honored, as an MSHP retiree, to be part of an organization (The MASTERS) that can benefit the family of a fallen trooper. — **Jack L. Merritt** (sheriff, Greene County; MSHP retired), Springfield

## Troop E

"The Missouri State Highway Patrol is an organization superior to any in the United States. The MASTERS allows me, in a small way, to give back to those who give of themselves daily to make Missouri a safe place to live and work." — **Ed Braschler** (agri buisness), Doniphan

"Since becoming a charter member in 1979, it has been an honor to develop the many friendships I have with fellow members and with the fine, brave men and women of the MSHP." — **Doug Libla** (co-owner, Mid Continent Nail Corp.), Poplar Bluff

## Troop F

"The MASTERS gives me an opportunity to give to those who give so much to us." — **Sam Overfelt** (attorney/consultant), Jefferson City

"My service to MASTERS is a way to help serve those in the MSHP who serve us so well." — **Dr. Wes Stricker** (MD), Columbia

## Troop G

"It is comforting to know that we provide a "safety net" to the families of fallen troopers." — **Jack Pahlmann** (mayor pro tem), West Plains

"I feel belonging to The MASTERS is one of the few ways we can properly pay respect and tribute to those troopers that have paid the ultimate sacrifice." — **Michael B. Pace** (brigadier general, Missouri National Guard; MSHP retired), West Plains

## Troop H

"I have a son who is a corporal. I believe in the work troopers do, and want their families supported if something happens to one of them while

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doing their work.” — **Robert J. “Bob” Angle** (retired business owner), Plattsburg

“I hope and pray to never serve the Patrol in an official capacity as a director for The MASTERS. To me, The MASTERS is a godsend to the families of fallen brother officers. God bless and

play it safe.” — **Bill Hollingsworth** (MSHP retired), Maryville

## Troop I

“The MSHP men and women are an amazing group of people dedicated to protecting the lives and welfare of everyone. If The MASTERS gives them some reassurance their families will be taken care of in the event of their death, then that security makes the

organization extremely important to me.” — **Lynn Wallis** (president/CEO, Wallis Companies), Cuba

“Over the years, I have observed firsthand the Patrol’s professionalism, dedication, and love for their work. Being active in The MASTERS allows me to recognize and honor their sacrifices, and to contribute something in return.”

— **Dr. Michael Elders** (emergency physician), Cuba



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Doug Libla



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Dr. Wes Stricker



Jack Pahlmann



Michael B. Pace



Robert J. “Bob”  
Angle



Bill  
Hollingsworth



Lynn Wallis



Dr. Michael  
Elders

## Winterize Your Summer Tools

Lots of repairs to such items as lawn mowers could be avoided if you take the time to prep them for their winter slumber. Here are general cleaning and maintenance tips to undertake before you put the equipment into the shed:

**Electric or battery-powered equipment** (hedge trimmers, lawn edgers): Clean equipment with a dry cloth, particularly around air-intake vents. Disconnect the battery charger. It's better to wait until spring to recharge the battery.

**Two-cycle engines** (chain saws, leaf blowers, etc.): Drain the fuel from the tank. Start the engine and let it run until all the fuel is used. Store it in a covered area away from heat sources.

**Four-cycle engines** (lawn tractors and most mowers): Same as two-cycle engines. Drain old oil and refill it with the recommended amount. Disconnect cables from the battery terminals to prevent power from draining. Clean battery terminals with a stiff brush and store the battery in a warm location.

## January

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| January 2  | ● New Year's Day observed.        |
| January 16 | ● Martin Luther King Jr. Day.     |
| January 18 | ● Tpr. K.L. Poynter died in 2002. |

## SEMO CRIME LAB MERGES WITH PATROL SYSTEM

This past summer, an important event occurred that will have a lasting, positive impact on the criminal justice system in the Southeast Missouri area for many years to come. The SEMO Regional Crime Laboratory officially became part of the Missouri State Highway Patrol Crime Laboratory system.

The SEMO lab was founded under the leadership of Dr. Robert C. Briner in 1970, through funding received from a federal grant program. It operated through Southeast Missouri State University. The laboratory has served many law enforcement agencies in the Southeast Missouri area over the past three decades.

For over 30 years, the SEMO lab was funded by federal and state grants, as well as through local agency fees. Relying on these uncertain funding sources made it increasingly difficult for SEMO to maintain the services the local law enforcement community needed.

Through the efforts of Senator Rob Mayer, Senator Jason Crowell, and Representative Scott Lipke, funding was provided to merge the SEMO Crime Lab into the Missouri State Highway Patrol Crime Lab system. Governor Matt Blunt approved the merger and signed the budget, establishing the funding to make this merger possible.

Effective July 1, 2006, the seven employees of the SEMO Crime Lab officially became employees of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. President Kenneth W. Dobbins of Southeast Missouri State University and then-Major James F. Keathley of the Patrol Criminal Investigation Bureau (currently superintendent of the Patrol) signed the merger document at a ceremony held at the university on August 11, 2006.

We are presently working on the complex task of integrating the Missouri State Highway Patrol procedures and policies at the Cape Girardeau lab. We anticipate that the new Troop E lab will achieve accreditation through the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB) within the next year, and gain approval from the FBI to participate in the CODIS DNA database in the next six months.

The merger of the SEMO Crime Lab into the Missouri State Highway Patrol Crime Lab system will ensure that critical forensic science support will be available to the citizens of Southeast Missouri for many years to come.



*President Kenneth W. Dobbins (left) from Southeast Missouri State University and then-Major James F. Keathley, Q/CIB, sign the merger agreement to add the SEMO Crime Lab to the Patrol Crime Lab system.*



## DEATHS

### Almeda M. Siddens



Almeda M. Siddens, 68, of Newburg, died peacefully in her sleep on Wednesday, August 30, 2006, at her sister's home in Independence. A memorial service was held on September 10, 2006, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, near Vida, MO.

Her husband, Glenwood, preceded Almeda in death on January 5, 2000. She is survived by daughter, Tabatha Gale (of Newburg) and sons: Michael Moreland (of Newburg), Richard Moreland (of Independence), and Chuck Moreland (of Rolla).

Almeda was hired as Troop I housekeeper on April 1, 1977, and retired from that position on December 1, 1999. During those years, Almeda was known as a diligent worker with an outgoing and friendly personality. Almeda could always be counted on to keep the floors of Troop I Headquarters waxed and the entire facility sparkling clean. However, she was probably best known and appreciated for the breakfast meals she would cook regularly. That morning task was beyond what was expected, but to Almeda, it was an enjoyable and important part of her routine. The camaraderie and tradition she initiated by planning and preparing those morning gatherings is still an important part of life today at Troop I.

Troop I Special Assistant Jan Kudlack described Almeda as a unique individual who could always bring a smile to your face with a friendly story or casual conversation.

In addition to being with her family, Almeda also enjoyed reading, doing

needlework, and crafts. All Troop I employees extend their sincerest condolences to Almeda's family.

### Robert R. "Bob" Price



Robert Reed "Bob" Price, of Pleasant Hill, MO, was born on October 22, 1931, in Elkland, MO. He was the son of Oscar M. and Jewel (Dodson) Price. He departed this life on Tuesday, October 3, 2006, in St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, MO, at the age of 74 years, 11 months, and 11 days.

On February 14, 1963, Bob was united in marriage to Carol Sue Bailey in Harrisonville, MO.

Bob was a sergeant for the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and was stationed in Troop A, Lee's Summit for 32 years. He served the counties of Cass, Bates, Johnson, Saline, and Jackson until his retirement on August 31, 1989. He was an Army veteran, and a member of the Missouri Association of State Troopers

Emergency Relief Society and Missouri State Troopers Association.

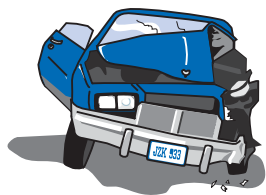
Bob loved boating, camping, and being in the outdoors. He went to Texas for the winters. He lived in Harrisonville, Warrensburg, Marshall, Lee's Summit, and Lake Winnebago, before moving to Pleasant Hill in 1998.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Lloyd and Don Price. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Carol Sue Price, of the home; three daughters, Michelle Walker (and husband, Randy) of Lee's Summit, Jannell Wasson (and husband, Tim) of Raymore, and Lisa Schifferdecker (and husband, Ed) of Lee's Summit; five grandchildren: Sarah, Austin, Brent, Lindsey, and Emily; numerous nieces and nephews; other relatives; and many friends.

Graveside services were held Saturday, October 7, 2006, at the Orient Cemetery, Harrisonville, MO. Rev. Charles Sutton and Deacon Roy Dallam officiated. Honorary pallbearers were George Burden, Frank Callahan, Arlie Heisterberg, Don Lasswell, Neal Voltz, and John Wright. Members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop A, Lee's Summit, served as casket bearers. The Troop A Honor Guard was also present.

Family members suggest memorials be made to The MASTERS (Missouri Association of State Troopers Emergency Relief Society), Route 6 Box 564, Poplar Bluff, MO 63901.

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## Traffic Fatalities

Year to Date Dec. 9, 2006	Same Period Last Year Year to Date	Number of Increase or Decrease	2004 Traffic Fatalities	2005 Traffic Fatalities
1014	1197	-183	1130	1257

**Note: These totals do not include late deaths.**

# Missouri's Sex Offender Registry Enhanced

## **By Public Info. Specialist III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED**

At a press conference October 23, 2006, Governor Matt Blunt introduced an enhanced Sex Offender Registry. The "new" registry includes the listed offenders' names (including aliases), date of birth, detailed physical description (including tatoos), addresses for home/school/work, vehicle information (owned or operated), complete offense information, whether the offender is in compliance with registration requirements, and photographs. Those interested may view Missouri's Sex Offender Registry at the following Internet site: [www.mshp.dps.missouri.gov/MSHPWeb/PatrolDivisions/CRID/SOR/SORPage.html](http://www.mshp.dps.missouri.gov/MSHPWeb/PatrolDivisions/CRID/SOR/SORPage.html). If access to the Internet is not possible, citizens may call toll free 1-888-767-6747 to obtain information.

During the press conference, Captain Tim McGrail, Q/CRID, showed those present a file on the registry. He noted the various sections within an offender's file.

"We are making Missouri's Sex Offender Registry a more powerful tool to protect families, children, and neighborhoods," said Gov. Blunt. I commend the Missouri State Highway Patrol for their efforts to make information on sex offenders accessible to more Missourians than ever before through their new toll free number."

The enhancements were the direct result of the passage of House Bill 1698, which was signed into law on June 6, 2006. A sex offender registry has existed since January 1, 1995. The registry was placed on the Internet in May 2004.

# Thank You

My family and I express our utmost, sincere gratitude for the display of support during the recent loss of my father. Your phone calls, cards, and prayers were greatly appreciated during this time of sorrow. My family and I truly were moved by the strong support of the Highway Patrol family.

*Sgt. Blaine L. Adams, Troop E*

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I wish to express a sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone for all the prayers, support, thoughts, and love during the difficult time of the death of my husband, Mark.

The visits, cards, flowers, phone calls, food, and memorial gifts are a tribute to him and greatly appreciated. May God bless you all.

*Special Asst. Pam Brauner & family  
Q/FOB*

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My family and I wish to thank everyone from our Patrol family for their support during the times of the passing of my Dad, my brother, and my stepmother. The many thoughtful and caring cards, notes, phone calls, and personal contacts were helpful during these difficult times and are much appreciated by all of us. Thank you.

*Sincerely,  
Sgt. Wayne Ream and family  
Q/GD*

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Our family would like to thank all of the Highway Patrol family for your support during the recent loss of our husband and father, retired Sgt. Robert R. Price. The professionalism and thoughtfulness during this difficult period will hold a special place in our hearts.

*The family of Sgt. Robert R. Price, retired.*

## Sympathy

*Our deepest sympathy goes to the following personnel who have lost a member of their family:*

DE Sprv. Jerry T. Estes (A) - sister  
DE III Raelene Estes (A) - sister-in-law  
Tpr. Andrew A. Armstrong (F) - grandfather  
Clerical Services Sprv. Tammy S. Goben (Q/CVE) - aunt  
Asst. Garage Supt. James C. Ortvals (Q/MED) - father-in-law  
DE III Jennifer C. Ward (E) - grandfather  
Tpr. Kindel C. Ward (E) - grandfather-in-law  
Tpr. Maurice E. Benzie (Q/GD) - grandmother  
Tpr. Brady K. Sowers (B) - grandmother  
Sgt. Blaine L. Adams (E) - father  
Sgt. David D. Finley (G) - father-in-law  
MVI III Robert L. Polen (A) - brother

Tpr. Jonathan B. May (D) - grandmother-in-law  
Telecom. Jodi L. Kent (H) - grandmother  
Bldg. & Grnds. Sprv. Garry J. Newton (I) - mother-in-law  
Spec. Asst. Pamela A. Brauner (Q/FOB) - husband  
Sgt. C. Roy Gray (C) - father-in-law  
Tpr. Trois L. Maloney (C) - grandfather  
Capt. Lester Elder (Q/GD) - grandfather-in-law  
Tpr. Dominick J. Walker (B) - grandmother  
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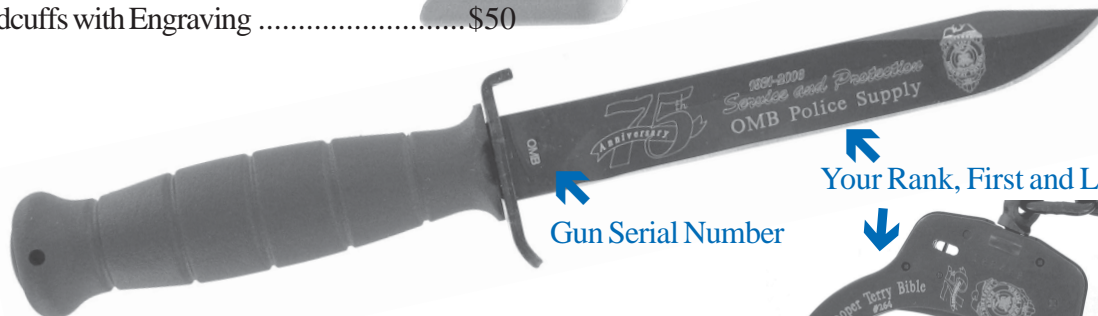
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